

CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication: Cat Sick Blues

Other known title(s): Not stated

OFLC ref: 1700027.000

Medium: DVD

Distributor: Revolution Entertainment Ltd

Director: Dave Jackson

FVLB Applicant: Revolution Entertainment Ltd

Producer: Dave Jackson
et al.

Country of origin: Australia

Language: English

Applicant: Film & Video Labelling Body

Classification:	The unexcised version of this publication is classified as Objectionable. The excised version of this publication is classified as Objectionable except if the availability of the publication is restricted to persons who have attained the age of 18 years.
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Excisions: Recommended but not made

Descriptive note: None

Display conditions: None

Date of entry in Register: 20 March 2017

Date of direction to issue a label: No direction to issue a label has been issued

Date of notice of decision: No notice of decision has been issued

	Components	Running time
Feature(s):	Cat Sick Blues	94:19
Timed component(s):	Scoring The Blues: A Conversation Between Dave Jackson And Matthew Revert About	12:41

	Scoring Of Cat Sick Blues The Shape Of Nightmares: An Interview With Prop Maker Dieter Barry Make-Up The Breakdown: An Interview With MUAFX Artist Liz Jenkinson Herding Catmen: An Interview With Shian Denovan Cat Sick Blues Short Film Claws And Cat Cocks - Behind The Scenes Deleted Scenes Introduction By Fatal Visions Editor Michael Helms Zombie Massacre Bullets For The Dead Cat Sick Blues Notices	4:58 18:54 5:18 10:09 35:14 16:44 2:17 1:07 1:47 1:47 0:32
Total running time:		205:47

Summary of reasons for decision:

The publication is a low-budget horror film from Australia about a demented serial killer who chooses a rape victim as his next target. Two excisions were required to remove part of a scene (and related content in a behind-the-scenes component) that causes the DVD to tend to promote and support the use of violence to compel a person to submit to sexual conduct, and the infliction of extreme violence and extreme cruelty under s3(2)(b) and s3(2)(f) of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993. If the excisions had been made, the DVD would have been classified R18 due to the high extent and degree of gruesome horror, the infliction of serious physical harm and cruelty, and sexual violence. The distributor declined to make the excisions, so the DVD is classified as objectionable. This classification imposes a limitation on the right to freedom of expression as affirmed by the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990, but it is a demonstrably justifiable limitation; it is consistent with Parliament's intention that publications falling under s3(2) be deemed to be objectionable, and with preventing injury to the public good.